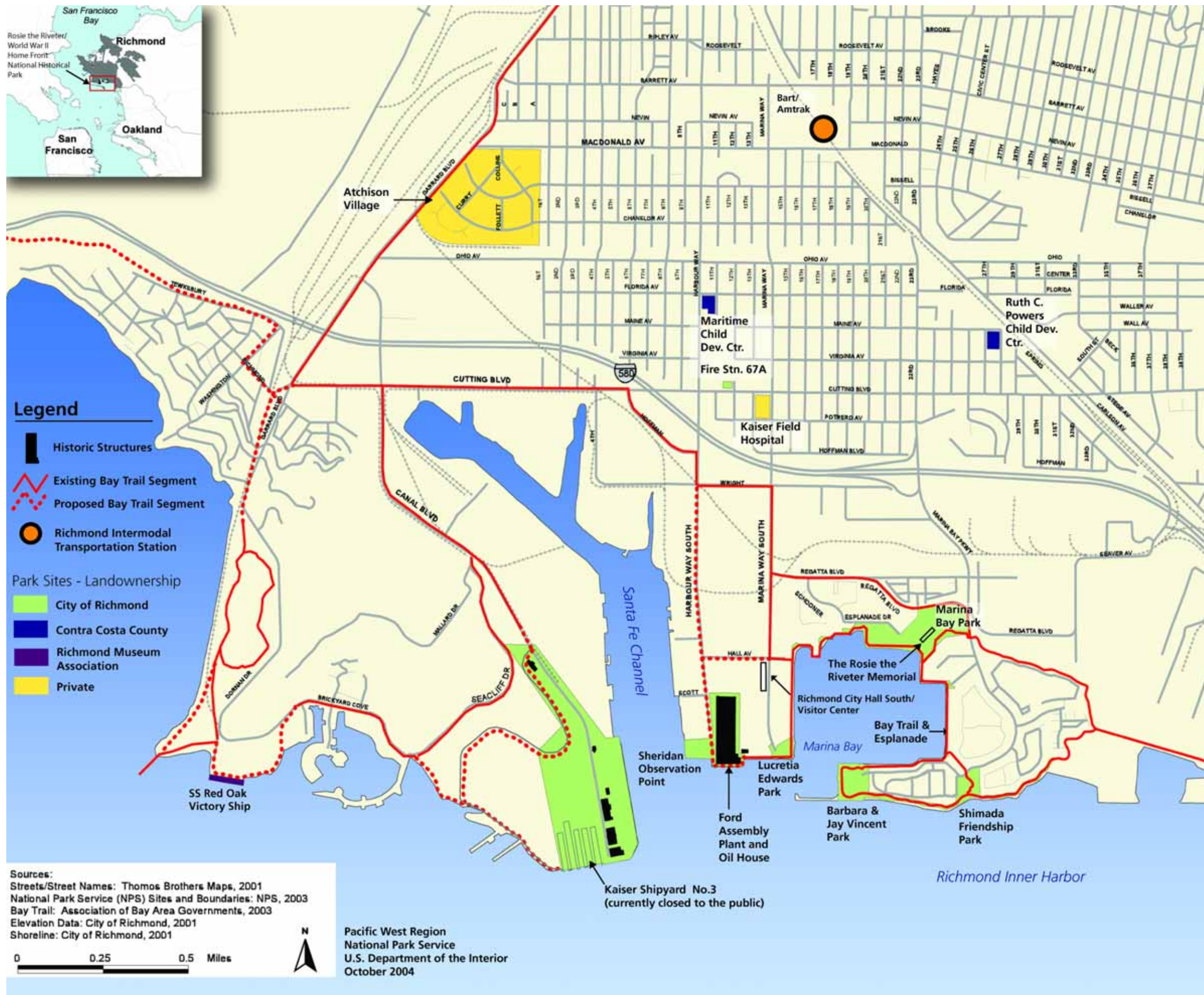


☆☆☆ Rosie the Riveter / World War II Home Front National Historical Park ☆☆☆



Exploring the Park

Welcome to one of America's newest National Parks! We are excited to share the stories of the American World War II Home Front. The stories of women and minorities in the workforce; the advent of day care and pre-paid and preventative medical care; changes in national demographics and impacts on America's urban and rural environments are all stories to be heard in the buildings and sites of this national park in Richmond, California.

Several sites telling these stories are available to you now. We plan to open other sites as the park develops. Enjoy exploring your park!

Start your visit at the park's **visitor center** located in Richmond's City Hall South at 1401 Marina Way South, open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. View the World War II Home Front exhibits and pick up a Driving Tour Booklet while you are there.

Then experience the inspiring and educational **Rosie the Riveter Memorial** located in Marina Bay Park at the corner of Regatta and Marina Bay. The memorial is open year-round, dawn to dusk. Meant to draw parallels between the acts of constructing ships and reconstructing memories, the memorial's form is patterned after a vessel in the process of being built. Sculpture, landscape elements, photographs and words combine to weave history, personal recollections and cultural memory into a work that highlights women in fundamental roles during a dramatic historical period.

Climb aboard an actual ship constructed in the Richmond Kaiser Shipyards - the **SS Red Oak Victory Ship**. Take the time to tour and talk to the volunteers on board the ship. If you find one who actually served on Merchant Marine vessels during the war, find out what that life was like. The interesting stories about the ship are not its length, width and storage capacity, but the human stories of the people who built them and sailed on them.

The ship is currently being restored - join in and volunteer! It is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., everyday except Mondays. If you want a guided tour, please call (510) 237-2933.

Visit the place where over 49,000 jeeps were assembled and thousands of tanks, armored cars, half-tracks, and other combat vehicles were prepared for overseas shipment? On your way to the **SS Red Oak Victory Ship**, drive to **Sheridan Observation Point** at the South end of Harbour Way. On your left will appear a handsome red brick building, designed by Albert Kahn. The **Ford Motor Company Assembly Plant** is where this all happened during WWII.

Looking across the channel from Sheridan Observation Point, you will see large historic buildings that were a small part of the huge **Shipyard No. 3**. These historic buildings and drydocks are now part of the Port of Richmond.

Come back again and see what new places have become available for your future explorations!